

Remarks

Before entry of this response, claims 1-15 were pending and subject to a three-way species election. No amendments are made in this response; the Listing of Claims is provided for ease of reference only. Thus, after entry of this response **claims 1-15 are pending** and ready for substantive examination.

Response to Species Election

The pending claims are alleged to lack unity of invention, and Applicants are required to elect a condition for initial examination. Without admitting to the propriety of the finding of lack of unity, Applicants elect “hepatic or cardiac or brain ischemia-reperfusion injury” for initial prosecution. Claims 1-4 and 13-15 correspond to this election.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging that additional species will be examined in the current case upon the allowance of a generic claim and on the condition that the additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

Related Application

The Examiner’s attention is drawn to co-pending application No. 10/563,682, and the Office action that issued therein on April 21, 2008. Upon request, Applicants will provide the Examiner with a copy of that Office action and any response filed, along with any other documents from the prosecution of the co-pending application.

Conclusion

Examiner Pagonakis is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions remain concerning the requirement for restriction, or the comments made herein. Otherwise, the present application is ready for substantive examination, and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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